

Geo-lingo Bingo!

Purpose:

To provide a review of vocabulary that is a part of a unit on the Franciscan rocks of the San Francisco Bay Area by using a familiar game format.

Timeframe:

About 30 to 45 minutes.

Materials needed:

- At least one Geo-lingo Bingo card per student.
- Small “post-its” or easy-peel dots or pennies for markers. If you play “black-out” bingo, you will need 25 markers for each bingo card.
- One set of clue strips, cut into individual clues (28 strips).

Preparation:

- Print out Geo-lingo Bingo cards (color PDF files). There are nine different bingo cards. Print some of each.
- Laminate the cards so you can use them many times.
- Print out the file *Geo-lingo Bingo clue list*. You will use this as your reference during the game.
- Print out the file *Geo-lingo Bingo clues*. Cut along the lines to separate the clues. You will end up with 28 strips of paper (you may want to print these on card stock so you can re-use them).

The “go” of it:

Since some of the vocabulary is bound to be new to students, even if you have studied plate tectonics and the Franciscan Complex, you may want to have students play in pairs or small teams. Then they can help one another check their cards for the correct answer.

Place the clue strips in a hat, or other receptacle. Have a student pull a clue from the hat. Then you can read the clues, starting with number one. If a student guesses correctly after one or two clues, read the other clues, and give everyone a chance to check and mark their cards.

You may want to pre-select the first few bingo words. Pick a couple that you know your students will be able to guess. Then start pulling clues from the hat. A few of the bingo terms are a bit trickier than the others!